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Re: Duane Marine Salvage Company

Dear Mr. Sprague:

We write to confirm your agreement, given to Mr. Robert Blanchfield by telephone this morning, that Phase I cleanup of the above site will commence on Monday, March 25, 1985.

As you know, the potentially responsible parties at this site have worked closely together to draft a work plan and to enter into a contract for the Phase I cleanup. Immediately after your amendments to the work plan were sent to us, they were circulated to our Steering and Technical Committees for comment. This comment has been received, and resulted in some further revision to the work plan, as is reflected in my letter to Ms. Margaret Thompson, dated March 7, 1985.

After speaking to Ms. Thompson by telephone on March 12, 1985, it was my understanding that you would be in touch with us on the 19th or 20th of this month to give us the EPA's permission to proceed, at which time we would notify our contractor to begin work within five days. It appears that, for a brief time this morning, some people at the EPA were under the impression that our five-day response period had commenced running on the date of your amendments to the work

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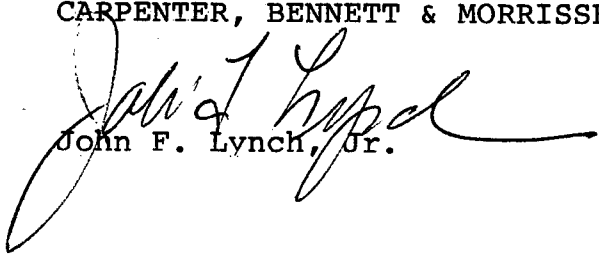
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plan, and that work would begin on Monday, March 18. We are pleased that Bob Blanchfield was able to resolve this question wiith you, so that, in a spirit of cooperation, we now have agreed that work will commence on Monday, March 25.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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